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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hiroshi SATO

Application No.: 09/300,845

Filed: April 28, 1999

For: PROJECTION EXPOSURE  
APPARATUS AND DEVICE  
MANUFACTURING METHOD  
USING THE SAME

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AMENDMENT WITH PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2002, for one month from March 3, 2003, up to and including April 3, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Revised Format established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as permitted in the Pre-OG Notice dated February 4, 2003, and entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted," a copy of which is attached.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: